

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2019

OUR MEETINGS

Meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, January 18th and 25th , 2019, from 10am until 2pm. Business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 56 members. Dues are \$15 for renewal and \$30 new member one-time fee, which includes a Guild Tote Bag.

Welcome to new members Jan Maisler and Linda Zarnett!

January Dues

The annual \$15 DUES will be collected during January. Our intrepid Membership Chair, Shirley C. will distribute the updated membership list.

That will be accompanied by our new Photo Directory that has been completed by Karen K. and Karen M.

JANUARY 2019 PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Happy 2019 to all of you and your families!

May the New Year bring you new fibers, new techniques, lovely patterns, and the twin luxuries of time and companionship. These are the reasons that we “craft”, and that we love to share, learn and teach.

We will be “sharing” again at the Hunterdon County Library (main branch) during the month of February. Please bring any items that you would like to display to either January meeting (1/18 or 1/25). Your contribution(s) should be labelled with your name. Variety is key to an interesting and attractive display; items big and small are welcome!

Our holiday luncheon is on January 18th at Capuano's in Flemington, following the business meeting. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to the reminder email that was sent out on December 27th.

With the New Year beginning, a new round of fiber festivals begins. Vogue Knitting Live kicks off the year at the end of January in New York City. Mary Jane maintains a list of links to upcoming fiber events on our Facebook page.

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JANUARY 2019 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Happy New Year!! It is hard to believe that 2018 has drawn to a close. Time flies when you are having fun. Since the luncheon at Capuano's Restaurant follows our business meeting on January 18th, there is no "program" other than sharing lovely holiday gifts with one another. Our next meeting on Friday, January 25th coincides with "Vogue Live" in New York City. Some members will be attending the classes and the show/marketplace there. For our meeting on Friday, January 25th, bring a project you would like to work on, and come and chat. In the near future, our program will spotlight a special group of items. Please look for an item that is your first (or one of your first) knit or crochet projects, a vintage piece either knit or crocheted by you or in your collection, an old skein of yarn or an item with some age and a story. This "heads up" is to give you time to make your selection.

As always, happy stitching and see you at the meetings!

Doris

OUTREACH AND ONGOING PROJECTS

If you know of any local non-profit organizations who would benefit from knitted and crocheted items made by our members, please let us know so we may include them here.

Warm Up America: An ongoing project, the goal of this nation-wide effort is to provide warm crocheted or knitted afghans to anyone in need. They are distributed by The Red Cross and Salvation Army to victims of natural disasters, area homeless, and to families and individuals who have lost their homes and belongings due to fire, flood or tornadoes. Forty-nine blocks that measure 7" X 9" are joined together to complete an afghan. Use your leftover and stash yarn to make some 7"x 9" knitted and/or crocheted blocks and bring them to a meeting. Myra will continue to collect them throughout the year.

Knitted Knockers: You can find out information about donating knitted knockers for mastectomy patients at www.knittedknockers.org.

1898 SEAMENS' WATCH CAP PROJECT (idea provided by our member Rosemary G.), details for making and sending at:
<http://seamenschurch.org/sites/default/files/sci-1898-hat-kristine-byrnes-web-w-schematic.pdf/>

WIGS AND FUN HATS FOR CHILDREN

www.halokeepers.org

TWIDDLE MUFFS FOR COGNITIVELY IMPAIRED PEOPLE

Refer to our recent email with the crocheted and knitted versions of the Twiddle Muff pattern attached, or you can also find the patterns by doing a Google search.

Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com

and our Facebook page!

KNITTING TRIVIA OF THE MONTH

There is a passage from William Tyndale's 1534 translation of The Old Testament, which refers to the admirable aspects of being a housewife, from Proverbs 31. The housewife ensures that her family are "double clothed", for the winter months ahead. The writer is not just referring to physically clothing the family, but girding them spiritually and emotionally, with the work of her hands.

She perceived that her housewifery was profitable,

And therefore did not put out her candle by night.

She set her fingers to the spindle, (continued on next page)

And her hands caught hold on the distaff.

She feared not lest the cold of the snow should hurt her house,

For all her household were double clothed.

May your knitting, crocheting and spinning for you, your family and friends bring happiness and meaning this year, as we “double clothe” our worlds.

